

LOCAL PTA ACTIVITIES

Madrona

Madrona PTA held its monthly board meeting at the home of Mrs. V. G. Blum with co-hostesses, Mrs. A. H. Felan de and Mrs. Fred Murphy.

Mrs. Ralph Keener was elected recording secretary. The office vacated by Mrs. Carl Huff, who recently resigned.

Membership chairman Mrs. William McBride announced that 531 persons enrolled in the PTA, with 213 men, 236 women, and 300+ personnel.

It was decided by the board and Mrs. Murphy, third vice president, that money be appropriated for four Thanksgiving baskets for those in need in the Madrona area.

William Forrest, principal, thanked all those who helped in getting the School Bond Elect. approved.

At the monthly PTA meeting held last week the Edison Mothers' Club, directed by Mrs. Z. Giza, Torrance council music chairman, sang two numbers preceding a talk by

Cyphert, who discussed the relationship of teacher, parent, and student.

Principal William Forrest portrayed the role of a teacher in a skit, "A Day in Kindergarten." Program chairman was Mrs. James Cassidy, first vice-president.

259th Place

Mrs. R. A. Stalnack conducted the Nov. 12 meeting of the 259th Place school PTA. Salute to the flag was led by 8th grade student Carolyn Taylor, and the inspirational was given by Stephen Pearson.

Mrs. J. E. Allen, program chairman, introduced Mrs. Caroline Blake, 8th teacher, and Mrs. Evelyn Brown, 8th teacher, who spoke on "Teaching Phases of Reading." Students of other classes participated.

Mothers for the meeting were kindergartens mothers.

Mrs. Vern R. Antsough, Community Chest chairman, announced that 24 PTA members were acting as volunteer workers on the Chest drive.

PTA members also assisted with the Federal Survey on Nov. 7, aiding the school in making personal calls at homes of residents who had failed to return their cards.

Mrs. A. W. Chamberlain, parent education chairman, announced two tours, Nov. 3, the Harland Shoemaker school, and Nov. 10, the Los Angeles Health Center. Making the tour were Mmes. Chamberlain, chairman, K. A. Stalnack, W. N. Kepley, J. R. Allan, George Wilkinson, Dan Bowring, F. E. Eggleston, Jos. C. Drasovich, D. E. Dunn and Robert A. Moore.

Parkway

The regular monthly meeting of the Parkway PTA took place last Thursday evening in the school cafeteria, opening with a color guard of the Girl Scout Troop 27.

Guest speaker, George Powell, Assistant Civil Defense Director of Torrance, gave an interesting talk in the sensible course of action to take in the event of a local disaster or emergency.

Members of the board presented Mrs. R. K. Ohlman with a beautiful orchid corsage, in appreciation of her excellent work as membership chairman. Parkway School boasts of the highest PTA membership percentage of Torrance Unified Schools.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by the seventh grade room mothers.

232nd Place

Various phases of youth service organizations and their benefits to the community's youngsters were discussed at a recent meeting of 232nd Place Parent-Teachers Assn.

All children need a sense of belonging and it is a parent's duty and privilege to be part of a group that endeavors to guide the child on the paths

of high ideals," said Mrs. Eric Heinman, youth services representative for tenth district of California Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Speaking on behalf of Cub Scouts was Richard L. Fisher. He issued a challenge to all parents to take stock of themselves and evaluate the relationships between themselves and their children. Also introduced at this time was William Andrews, cubmaster of Cub Scout Pack 269.

Carl Steele

Parents and teachers at the Carl Steele School participated

in a "buzz session" at the November meeting of the PTA following a talk by Dr. A. M. Posner, assistant superintendent of education. Purpose of the "buzz session" was to discuss in small groups the present system of grading in the Torrance schools. A spokesman for each group reported the suggestions of the group.

During the business meeting which was conducted by Mrs. Posner, it was decided that the group would morally support the Torrance Council Milk Fund and the PTA school ship.

Entertainment was provided by the Mother Singers under the direction of Mrs. Norman Griffith.

Arlington

All those in attendance at the November meeting of Arlington Elementary PTA wore feathers in their caps to indicate their pride in the success of the recent annual carnival, reports Mrs. Walter Voss, carnival chairman.

Making their initial appearance, under the direction of Mrs. Jerry Leonard, were the Mother Singers, who rendered two Thanksgiving songs.

Guest speaker Mrs. Margaret Denhardt, curriculum consultant in the Torrance school system, described the learning-to-read process in an audience participation program following a talk by William Steele.

After the "buzz session" was a progress report by Henry Venza, principal.

Program chairman was Mrs. Lloyd Van de Velt. Mrs. Frances Sturte presided during the business meeting.

North High

Success is the forecast for the 1958-59 term of the North High School PTA under the direction of J. Begendo, president.

A man-type luncheon on Sept. 8 welcomed the high school faculty including 22 new instructors.

The first association meeting was held Oct. 7. A fine program was presented by Mrs. W. N. Bayliff, program chairman.

The school's award winning band respondent in new uniforms gave a concert under the direction of W. Carroll. R. Harter gave a report on North

High's first year of high scholarship accomplishment, with six pupils entered in the National Honor Society semi-finals. This is a greater number than entered from any other district.

Mrs. Ruth Ervin was narrator for the Family Service film, "A Family Affair," sponsored by Community Chest. Mrs. Ida Gilliswan spoke on the health program for Stephen M. White students.

The membership pinupes were shown at the association meeting prior to going to the winners, Orville Morrison, seventh grade; Virgil Bullock, eighth grade; Emerson Knighton, ninth grade. There was an assembly Oct. 31 for boy and girl who brought a membership. The film was "Drama of Our Vanishing Wildlife" with William Henry Allen from Long Beach narrating.

Refreshments were served by the PTA and the student council.

Mrs. R. McDonald, membership chairman, conducted the

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